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1. (amended) An ~~improved~~ airspring 10 comprising a flexible cylindrical sleeve 16 having a first and second end, a retainer 14 secured to one of the ends 22 of the sleeve 16, and a tag 12 made from a sheet material, the entire tag being a singular piece, the improvement comprising:

a portion of the tag 12 being non-removably secured between the sleeve 16 and the retainer 14.

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2. (amended) An ~~improved~~ airspring 10 in accordance with claim 1 wherein the tag 12 is of a flexible plastic or elastomeric material.
3. (amended) An ~~improved~~ airspring 10 in accordance with claim 1 wherein the portion of the tag 12 that is secured between the sleeve 16 and the retainer 14, prior to being secured between the sleeve 16 and the retainer 14, has a shaped configuration corresponding to the shaped configuration of the sleeve end 22.
4. (amended) An ~~improved~~ airspring 10 in accordance claim 1 wherein the tag 12, prior to being secured between the sleeve 16 and the retainer 14, has a molded circumferential curvature corresponding to the outer curvature of the cylindrical sleeve 16.

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- (new) An arising in accordance with claim 1 wherein the tag is provided with indicia in a manner which will last the lifetime of the airspring.

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- (new) An airspring in accordance with claim 6 wherein the indicia is presented in an alphanumeric manner or as a bar code.

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- (new) An airspring in accordance with claim 6 wherein the indicia is formed by punching out the idicia from the tag, stamping the indicia onto the tag, or imprinting the indicia onto the tag.

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- (new) An airspring in accordance with claim 1 wherein the color of the tag contrasts with the color of the airsleeve.

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(new) An airspring comprising a flexible cylindrical sleeve having a first and second end, a retainer secured to one of the ends of the sleeve and a tag made from a sheet material, a portion of the tag being non-removably secured between the sleeve and the retainer, wherein the portion of the tag that is secured, prior to being secured, has a shaped configuration corresponding to the shaped configuration of the sleeve end.

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(new) An airspring comprising a flexible cylindrical sleeve having a first and second end, a retainer secured to one of the ends of the sleeve and a tag made from a sheet material, a portion of the tag being non-removably secured between the sleeve and the retainer, wherein the tag, prior to being secured, has a molded circumferential curvature corresponding to the outer curvature of the cylindrical sleeve.

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